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Daniel receives an anonymous package containing a key card and a note leading him to the Jericho County Library. Meanwhile, Zaya learns the truth about her past and her connection to the Jericho Lights. The Lights, which are actually entities that emerge from beneath the Earth's surface, work with the secret military branch called Project Joshua. Together, they reprogrammed the brain-dead Zaya into an instrument of wrath against Jericho, whose city council is willing to kill to protect some dark secret...

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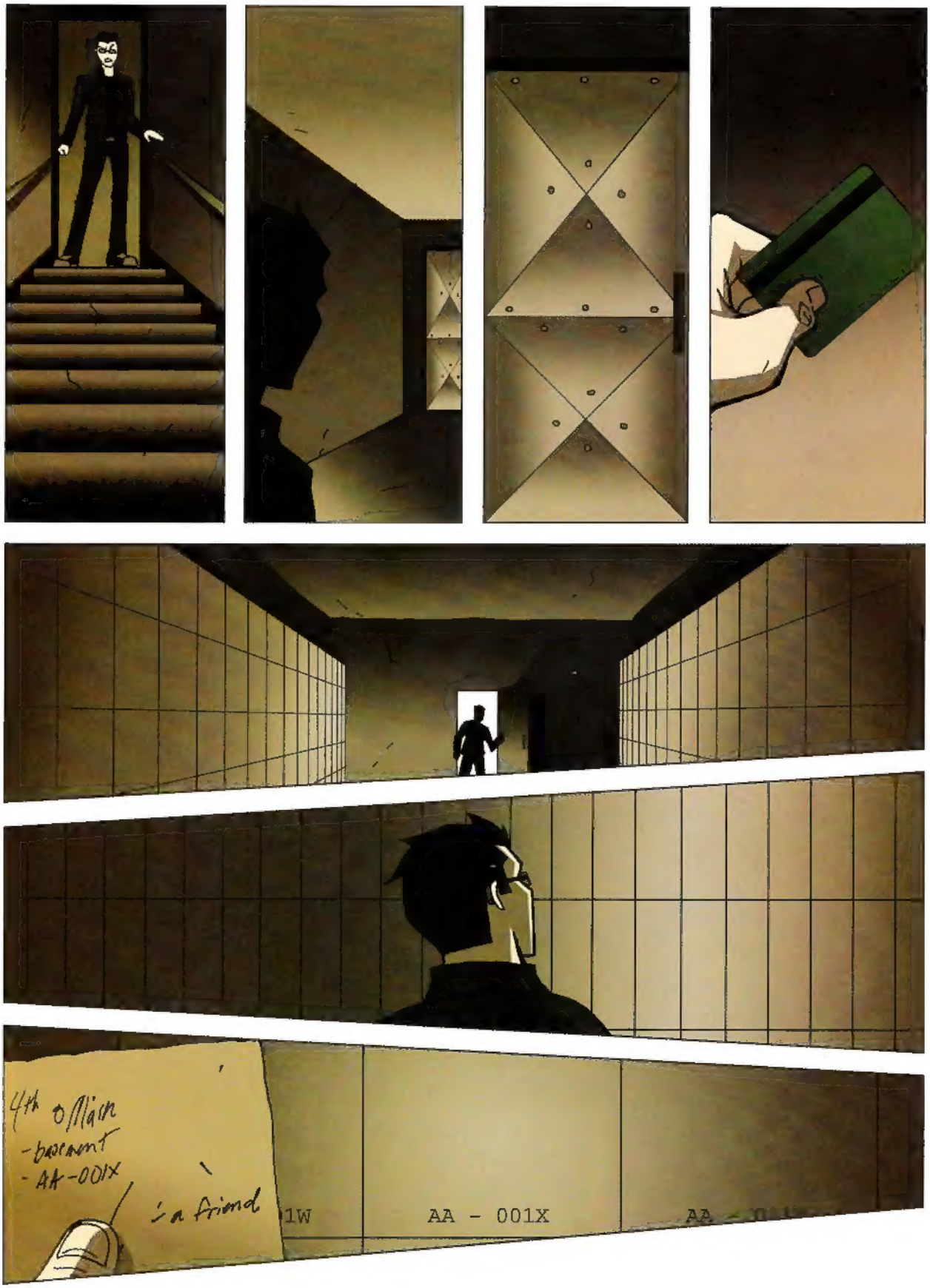
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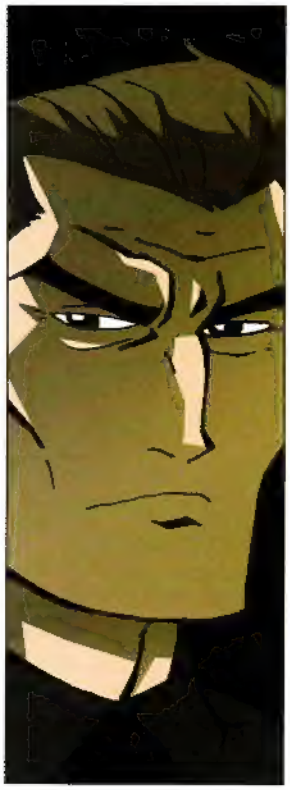


NERVOUS?
YEAH, A LITTLE.
DON'T BE. YOU'LL DO FINE.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM, NOLEE.
THANK YOU, ALTHOUGH I'M STILL NOT ENTIRELY SURE WHAT IT ALL MEANS.
WE'LL GET TO THAT. FIRST, WE JUST HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR YOU.
OKAY.
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS MORE IMPORTANT: THE GOOD OF THE INDIVIDUAL, OR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY?
I GUESS I WOULD SAY THE COMMUNITY.
SO IT'S FAIR TO SAY YOU BELIEVE THERE MAY BE TIMES WHERE IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO MAKE PERSONAL SACRIFICES FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS.
SURE... OF COURSE.
GOOD. BECAUSE WHAT WE'RE ASKING OF YOU WILL REQUIRE JUST THAT.

2/12/1839: 78TH DAY OF THE DROUGHT. FOOD IS SCARCE.

2/21/1839: LOTS ARE SICK. WE LOST POWELL, RIEK, AND KILBURN. WE ARE GETTING DESPERATE.

3/18/1839: MADE PLEA TO LOCAL APACHES. WE TRADED THE LAST OF OUR HORSES FOR FOOD.

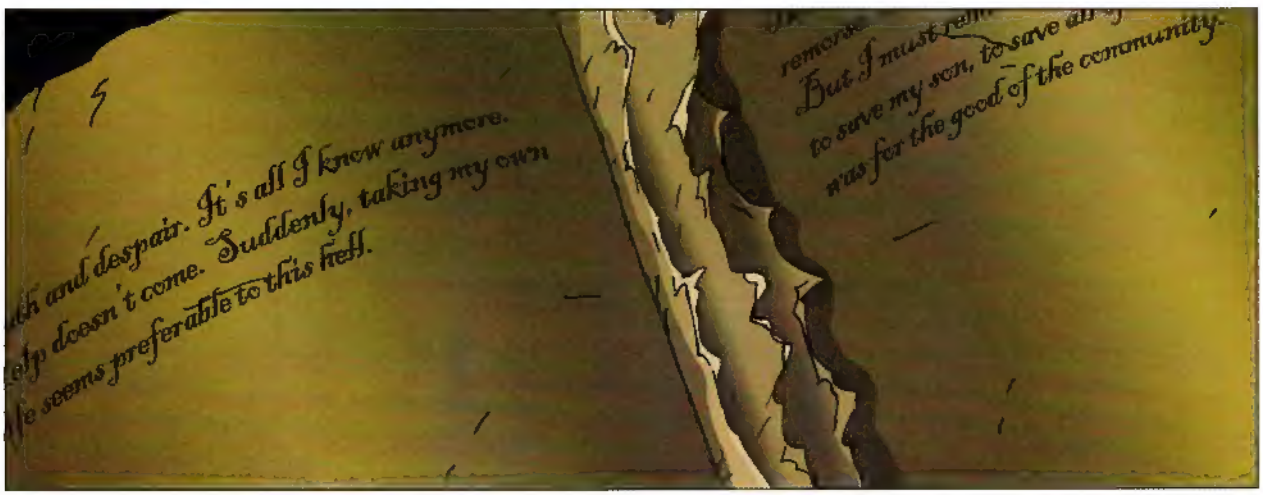
3/29/1839: JUNIOR FELL ILL TODAY. ANNA ISN'T LOOKING WELL EITHER.

4/07/1839: STILL NO RAIN. MANY GETTING SICK.

5/12/1839: I SUSPECT BELLE MAY BE ILL, BUT TRYING TO HIDE IT FROM ME. JUNIOR HAS STOPPED EATING.

5/03/1839: A DAY OF TEARS. BURIED MY BELOVED ANNA TODAY. JUNIOR STILL HANGING ON. BELLE REMAINS STRONG AND HEALTHY. THEY ARE ALL I HAVE LEFT.

6/02/1839: DEATH AND DESPAIR. IT'S ALL I KNOW ANYMORE. HELP DOESN'T COME. SUDDENLY, TAKING MY OWN LIFE SEEMS PREFERABLE TO THIS HELL.



NOLEE, DO YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR BELIEFS IN THE WAY OF *RELIGION?*
UMM, WELL... NOT REALLY. I MEAN, I GO TO CHURCH WITH MY FRIENDS SOMETIMES.
AND HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT? DOES IT HOLD *MEANING* FOR YOU?
I DON'T KNOW. WELL, *KIND OF*... THERE'S SOME GOOD THINGS ABOUT IT. BUT I DON'T KNOW. I WOULDN'T SAY I'M A *FANATIC* OR ANYTHING.
NOLEE, TO BE A *FULL AND COMPLETE PERSON*, TO DEVELOP A HEART AND MIND DEDICATED TO THE *PROGRESSION* OF HUMANITY, THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO SHED OUR ARCANE SUPERSTITIONS AND RIGID BELIEF STRUCTURES AND EMBRACE A MORE *ENLIGHTENED* VIEW OF MAN AND HIS PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE.
WE WANT THE KIND OF PEOPLE FOR OUR PROGRAM WHO WILL NOT ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE HINDERED BY *FUNDAMENTAL DOGMAS* THAT SEEK TO *ENSLAVE* HUMANITY, NOT FREE IT.
CAN YOU BE THAT PERSON?
I-I DON'T KNOW... MAYBE I'M NOT *RIGHT* FOR THIS.
ARE YOU TELLING US YOU ARE NOT THE PERSON WE THOUGHT YOU WERE?
YES, *NO*... I DON'T KNOW.
YOU'RE FREE TO GO THEN. WE WERE MISTAKEN ABOUT YOU.
WAIT. WHAT IS IT YOU WANT ME TO DO?

AUNT ELYSE.
KRASH!
OH, HEAVENS! ZAYA... YOU SCARED ME! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? I'VE BEEN WORRIED TO DEATH!
LISTEN TO ME AUNT ELYSE. YOU HAVE TO LEAVE. LEAVE JERICHO.
WHAT? WHY?
I CAN'T EXPLAIN, JUST PLEASE DO AS I ASK. THERE ARE THINGS... THINGS HAPPENING. I JUST WANT YOU TO BE SAFE.
ZAYA, WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?
SETTING THINGS RIGHT.

7/06/1839: THE DEAL HAS BEEN STUCK. I FEEL HEAVY WITH REMORSE. I WILL MISS BELLE, MY ONLY DAUGHTER.
BUT I MUST REMIND MYSELF THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO SAVE MY SON, TO SAVE ALL OF US. WHAT I DID WAS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY.
7/08/1839: ALREADY THINGS HAVE BEGUN TO CHANGE. IT RAINED TODAY, ENDING THE DROUGHT. THE SICKNESS SEEMS TO BE WEAKENING. AND BEST OF ALL, HELP ARRIVED IN THE WAY OF FOOD AND FRESH SUPPLIES. MY SACRIFICE HAS NOT BEEN IN VAIN.
7/14/1839: SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENED LAST NIGHT. WE NOTICED THREE STRANGE LIGHTS ABOUT 5 MILES FROM TOWN. WE THOUGHT IT TO BE TRAVELLERS OR VISITORS FROM ANOTHER SETTLEMENT, BUT THE LIGHTS NEVER GOT CLOSER, ONLY HIGHER INTO THE SKY. IS THIS A SIGN FROM GOD...OF HIS APPROVAL? OR IS IT SOMETHING ELSE?

THUP
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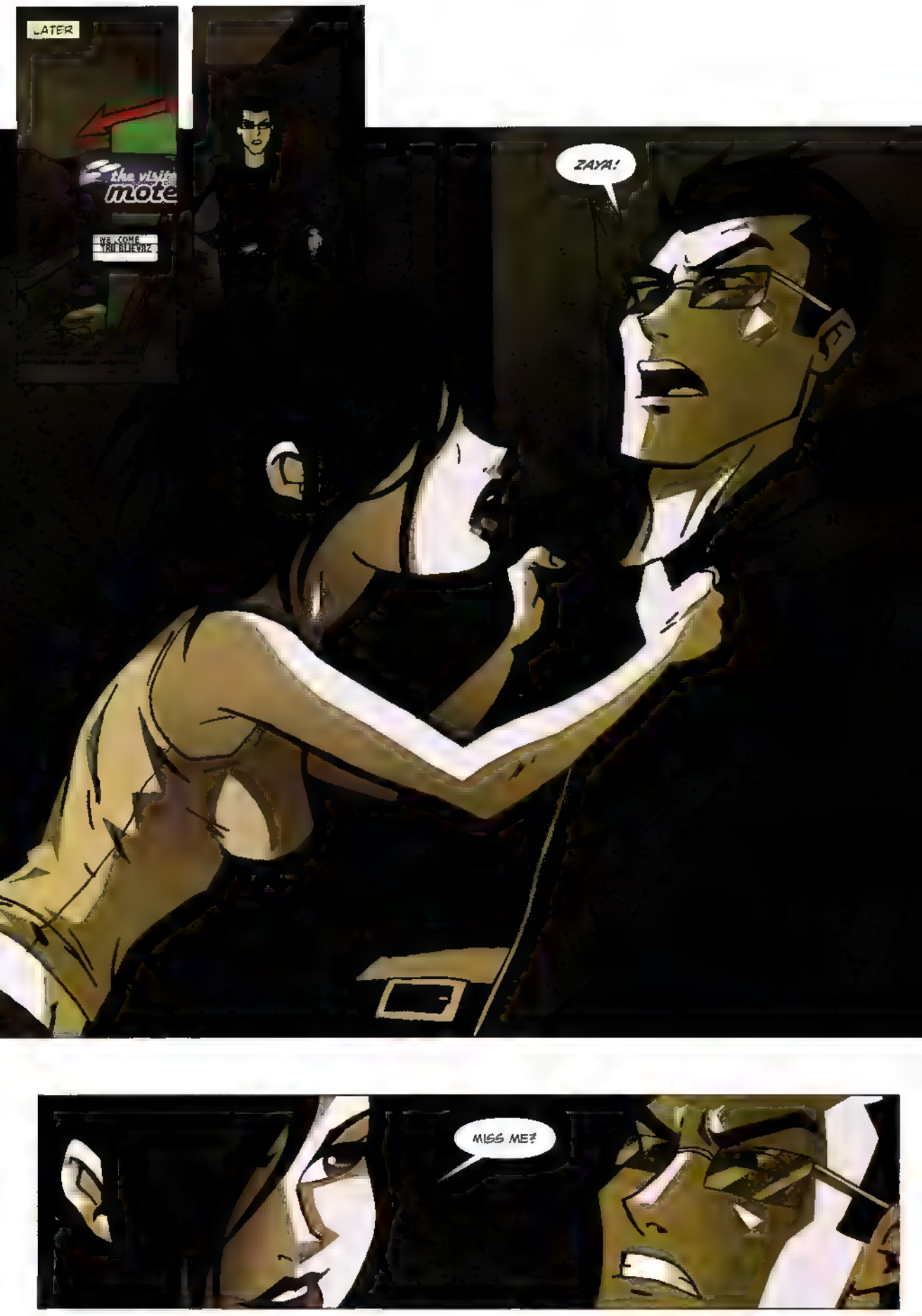
HELLO? IS THERE SOMEONE DOWN HERE?

SLAM!


LATER
WELCOME TO BLIEVRZ
ZAYA!
MISS ME?

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO YOU?
I HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE MOTHERSHIP.
HA HA... YOU'RE KIDDING. RIGHT?
HAVE YOU EVER STRANGLED SOMEONE, DANIEL?
CHOKED THE LIFE OUT OF THEM?
OH, CRAP. I SHOULD'VE KNOWN THAT'S WHERE THIS WAS HEADED.
I DON'T WANT TO DO THE THINGS I DO... BUT I CAN'T HELP IT.
I CAN'T STOP MYSELF! BUT YOU CAN...
LISTEN, ZAYA, WHATEVER THEY DID TO YOU, THAT'S NOT WHO YOU ARE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO--
SHUT UP! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I AM!
I KILLED ALL THOSE PEOPLE, DANIEL! THOMPSON, GARZA, RESNOWSKI, KRYFKO. I BURNED THEM ALIVE!
YOU HAVE TO STOP ME, DANIEL. IF YOU DON'T, I WILL KILL AGAIN.
I WILL KILL THEM ALL. THIS ENTIRE TOWN WILL BURN!

DO IT!
NO! NO! ARE YOU CRAZY?
JUST CALM DOWN FOR A SECOND... LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS.
KRAK!

I'M SORRY.
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after mysteriously vanishing before
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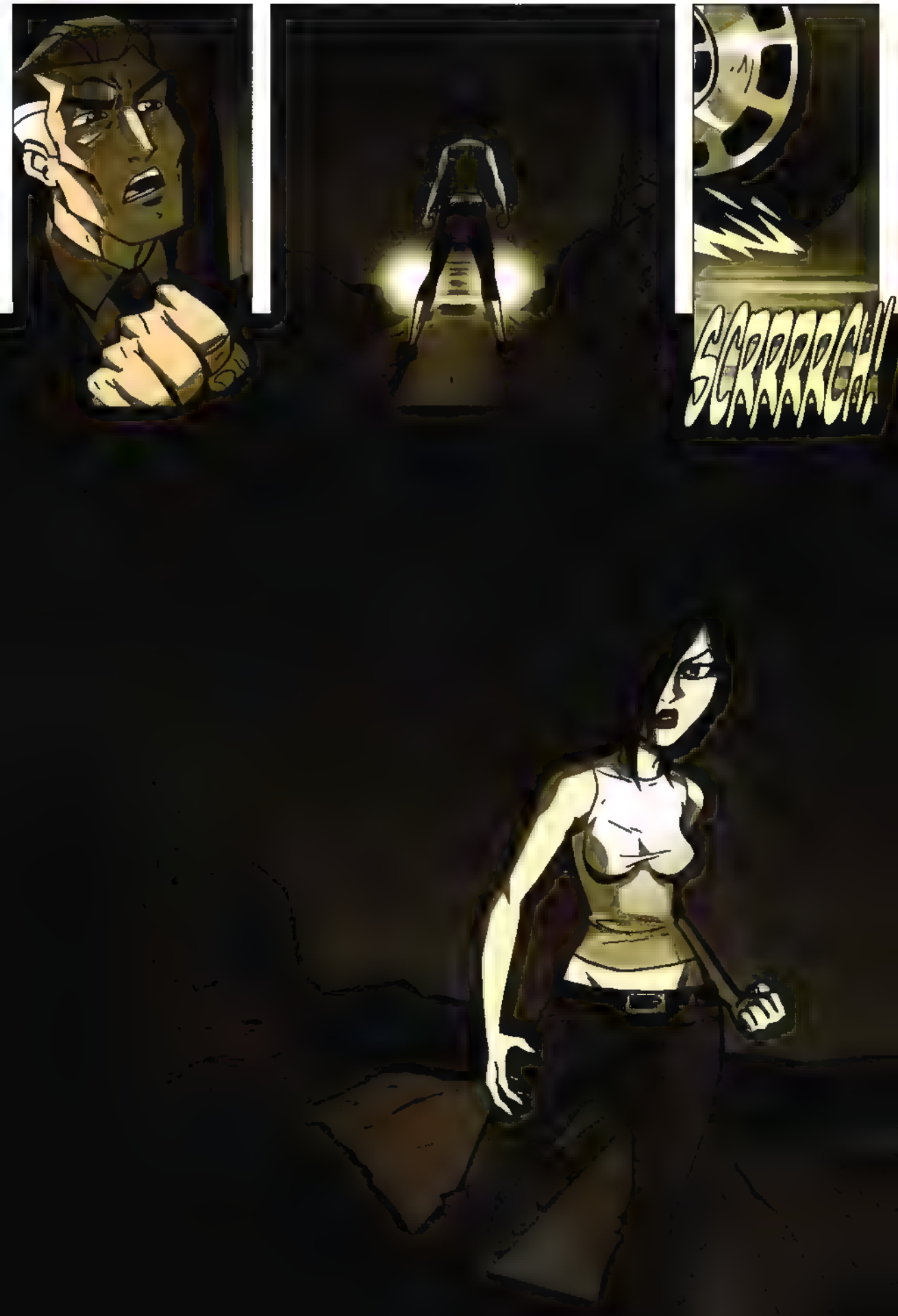
The Jericho Trumpet
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, JUNIOR?
WERE YOU AT THE LIBRARY EARLIER TODAY, CHIEF?
YEAH. WHY DO YOU ASK?
WELL, CASSIE JUST CALLED. SAID SHE FOUND YOUR KEY CARD IN THE BASEMENT.
HMM. MUST'VE DROPPED IT.
YEAH. WELL, THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE. THERE'S A CERTAIN BOOK MISSING. YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT?

CHIEF! DR. EDWARDS WAS JUST FOUND DEAD.
LET ME GUESS. FLAME BROILED.
THANKS, OFFICER.
CAN YOU HANDLE THIS ONE, JUNIOR? I'VE GOT SOME LEADS TO FOLLOW UP ON.
ARE YOU SURE, CHIEF? THE MAYOR'S GOING TO WANT YOU ON THIS.
JUST HANDLE EDWARDS. I'LL DEAL WITH THE MAYOR.
ARE YOU SURE?
I JUST CONFIRMED IT. HIS WIFE CALLED IT IN.
ALL RIGHT, THEN. I'LL BE THERE AS SOON AS I CAN.
WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT BANKS?
I DON'T CARE. JUST DON'T MAKE A MESS.
YES, MA AM.
EVERYTHING OKAY?
YEAH. JUST POLITICS.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MR. WEBSTER, MR. WEBSTER!
GET YOUR ASS UP.
OH, MAN... LOOK, I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH HER. SHE KEEPS SHOWING UP ON HER OWN.
SHUT UP. THE JOURNAL. DO YOU HAVE IT?
WHAT JOURNAL?
I KNOW, MR. WEBSTER! I'M THE ONE WHO LED YOU TO T.
YOU? WHY?
BECAUSE I'M TIRED. I'M TIRED OF THE LIES. CANTON'S OUT OF CONTROL. THIS WHOLE DAMN THING... IT'S GONE LONG ENOUGH. THE TRUTH NEEDS TO BE TOLD.
WHAT TRUTH IS THAT? WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
HAPPENED? IT'S STILL HAPPENING. THIS PLACE... THIS TOWN... CANTON... THEY FEED OFF THE BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT.
YOU HEAR THAT? THAT BANGING?
KA-KANG
KA-KANG
WHAT OF IT?
IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY!

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I AM THE HAND OF HOLY WRATH. I HAVE COME TO BRING HIS JUDGMENT.
REPENT, AND YOU MAY BE SHOWN MERCY.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
GET THE GIRL OUT OF HERE NOW! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.
LET'S GO!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
HURRY!
YOU CAN'T RUN! THERE IS NOWHERE YOU CAN HIDE FROM ME!

UUUNNNNGGG!
KRAK!
BLAM!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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"THIS ONE TIME... AT COMIC CON..."

As I write, it's just before the first New York Comic Convention, and just after the San Diego Comic Con's room blocks opened–and are booked solid. Ahhh...Con season is here early this year, ain't it?

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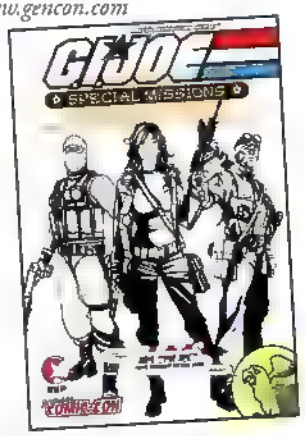

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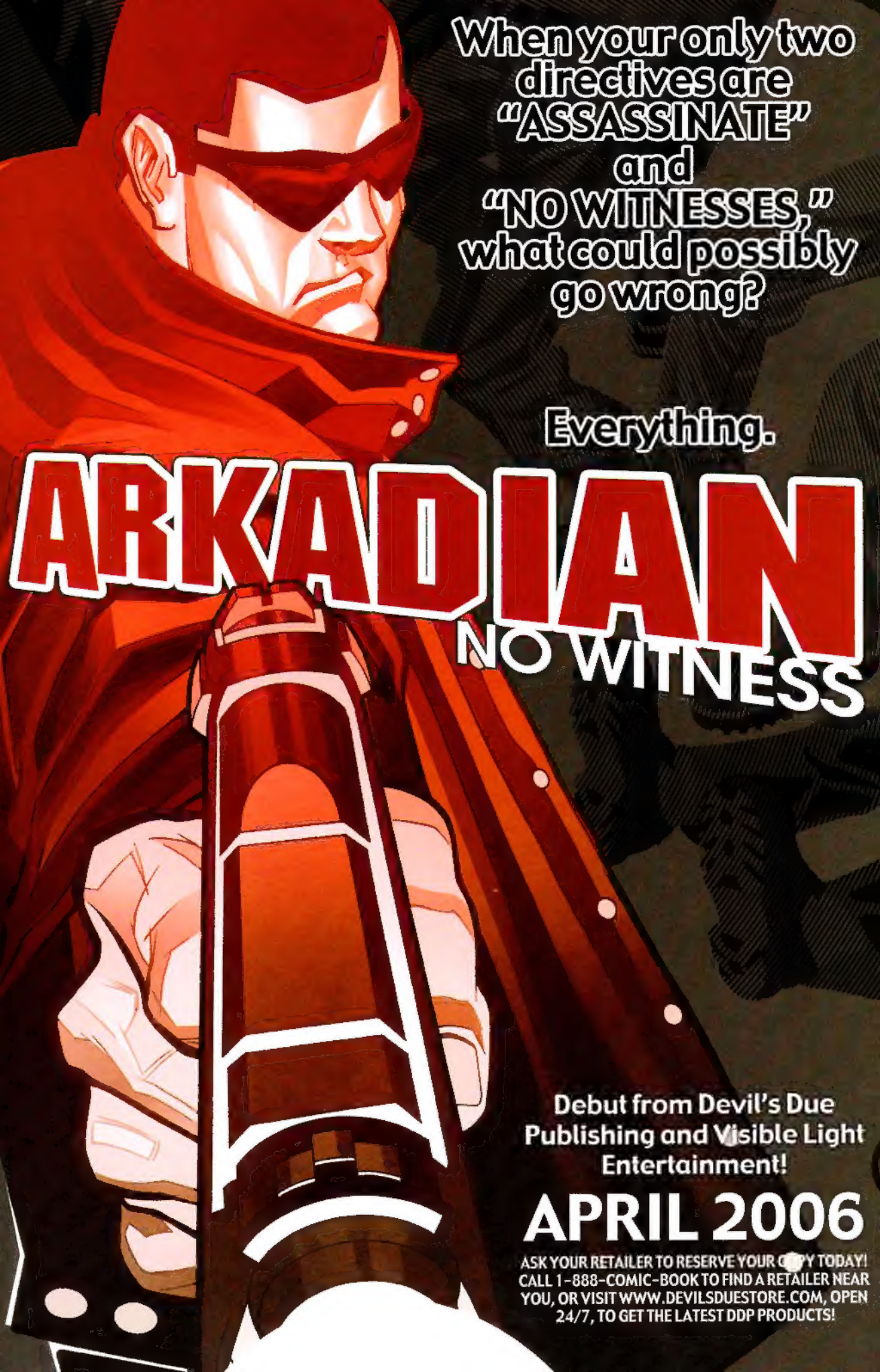
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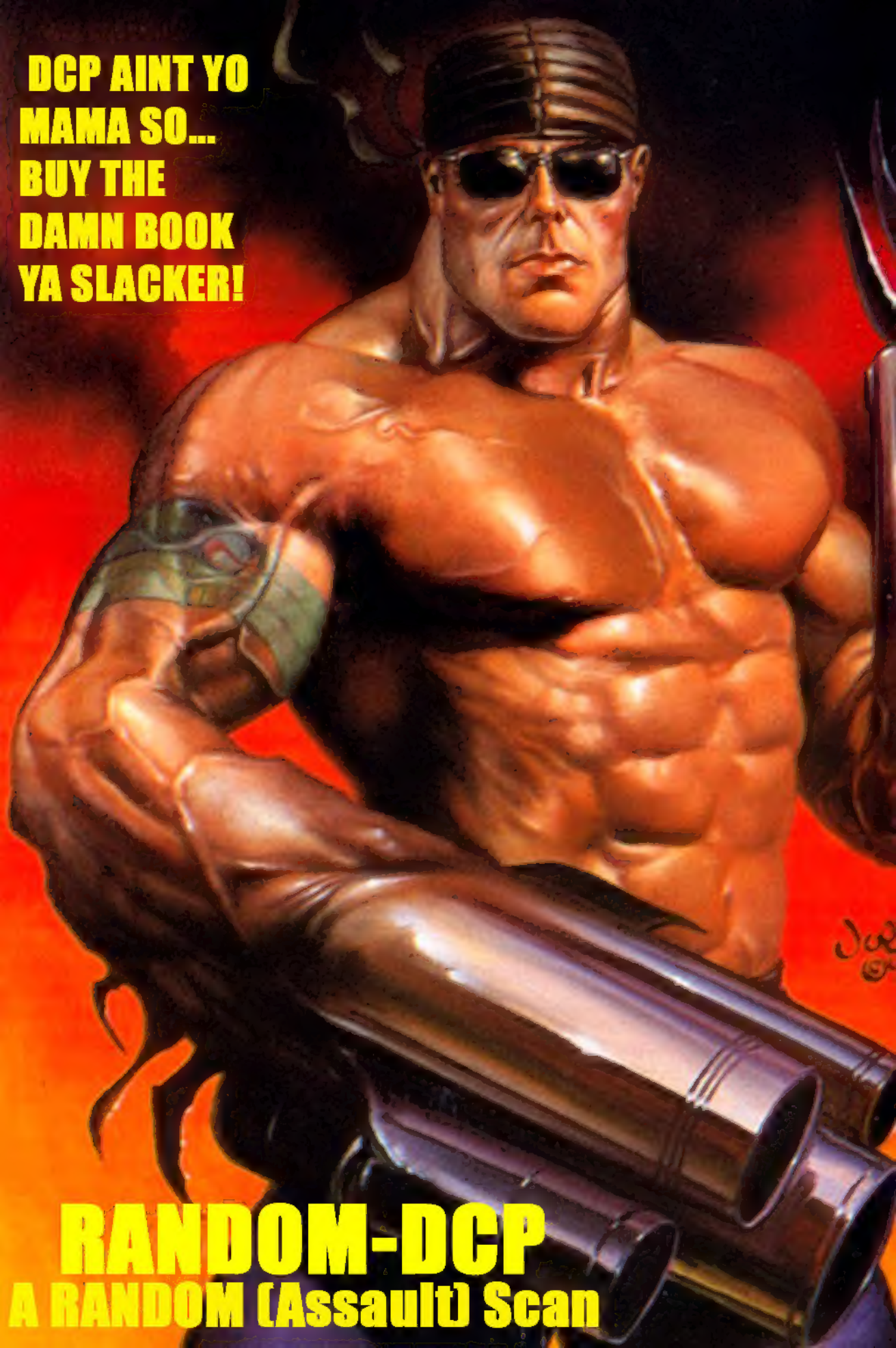
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